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This paper presents the operational difference technique for generating, augmenting, and minimizing test suites. The technique is analogous to structural code coverage techniques, but it operates in the semantic domain of program properties rather than the syntactic domain of program text. The operational difference technique automatically selects test cases; it assumes only the existence of a source of test cases. The technique dynamically generates operational abstractions (which describe obser ...

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Regression testing is an expensive testing process used to validate software following modifications. The cost-effectiveness of regression testing techniques varies with characteristics of test suites. One such characteristic, test suite granularity, involves the way in which test inputs are grouped into test cases within a test suite. Various cost-benefits tradeoffs have been attributed to choices of test suite granularity, but almost no research has formally examined these tradeoffs. To addres ...

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This paper presents a technique to select a representative set of test cases from a test suite that provides the same coverage as the entire test suite. This selection is performed by identifying, and then eliminating, the redundant and obsolete test cases in the test suite. The representative set replaces the original test suite and thus, potentially produces a smaller test suite. The representative set can also be used to identify those test cases that should be rerun to test the program ...

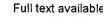
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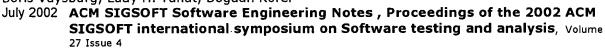




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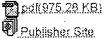
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Requirement-based automated test case generation is a model-based technique for generating test suites related to individual requirements. The technique supports test generation from EFSM (Extended Finite State Machine) system models. Several requirement-based selective test generation techniques were proposed. These techniques may significantly reduce a number of test cases with respect to a requirement under test as opposed to a complete system testing. However, the number of test cases may st ...

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Software system faults are often caused by unexpected interactions among components. Yet the size of a test suite required to test all possible combinations of interactions can be prohibitive in even a moderately sized project. Instead, we may use pairwise or t-way testing to provide a guarantee that all pairs or t-way combinations of components are tested together. This concept draws on methods used in statistical testing for manufacturing and has been extended to software system testing. A cov ...

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The growing language technology industry needs measurement tools to allow researchers, engineers, managers, and customers to track development, evaluate and assure quality, and assess suitability for a variety of applications. The TSNLP (Test Suites for Natural Language Processing) project has investigated various aspects of the construction, maintenance and application of systematic test suites as diagnostic and evaluation tools for

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Regression testing is the process of validating modified software to detect whether new errors have been introduced into previously tested code and to provide confidence that modifications are correct. Since regression testing is an expensive process, researchers have proposed regression test selection techniques as a way to reduce some of this expense. These techniques attempt to reduce costs by selecting and running only a subset of the test cases in a program's existing test suite. Altho ...

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Software testing plays a major role in software development because it accounts for a large part of the development cost. Moreover, manual testing technique always makes a problem. Consequently, this paper proposes the automatic testing technique to solve partially the testing process. This technique can automatically generate and select test cases from UML statechart diagrams. Firstly, we transform this diagram into intermediate diagram, called Testing Flow Graph (TFG), explicitly identify flow ...

Keywords: UML specification, UML statechart diagrams, design, software testing, test generation

Specification-based regression test selection with risk analysis

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Regression testing is essential to ensure software quality. The test team applies a regression test suite to ensure that new or modified features do not regress (make worse) existing features. Although existing research has addressed many problems and put forward solutions, most regression test techniques are code-based. Code-based regression test selection is good for unit testing, but it has a scalability problem. When the size of the subject under test grows, it becomes hard to ...

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Increasing numbers of software developers are using the Unified Modeling Language (UML) and associated visual modeling tools as a basis for the design and implementation of their distributed, component-based applications. At the same time, it is necessary to test these

components, especially during unit and integration testing. At Siemens Corporate Research, we have addressed the issue of testing components by integrating test generation and test execution technology with commerci ...

**Keywords**: COM/DCOM, CORBA, UML statecharts, distributed components, functional testing, test execution, test generation

4 The AGEDIS tools for model based testing

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We describe the tools and interfaces created by the AGEDIS project, a European Commission sponsored project for the creation of a methodology and tools for automated model driven test generation and execution for distributed systems. The project includes an integrated environment for modeling, test generation, test execution, and other test related activities. The tools support a model based testing methodology that features a large degree of automation and also includes a feedback loop integrat ...

**Keywords**: UML modeling, automated test generation, coverage analysis, defect analysis, test execution framework, validation

5 Software engineering: A method for the automatic generation of test suites from object models

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This paper explains how object models written in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) can be translated into formal, behavioural descriptions and used as a basis for automatic test generation. The behavioural descriptions are written in a language of communicating state machines: the Intermediate Format (IF). The translation from UML to IF is based upon an earlier formal semantics, written in the Abstract State Machine (ASM) notation. Descriptions written in IF can be automatically explored; the ...

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	Web applications have become critical components of the global information infrastructure, and it is important that they be validated to ensure their reliability. Therefore, many techniques and tools for validating web applications have been created. Only a few of these techniques, however, have addressed problems of testing the functionality of web applications, and those that do have not fully considered the unique attributes of web applications. In this paper we explore the notion that user s					
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Component-based development is the emerging paradigm in software production, though several challenges still slow down its full taking up. In particular, the "component trust problem" refers to how adequate guarantees and documentation about a component's behaviour can be transferred from the component developer to its potential users. The capability to test a component when deployed within the target application environment can

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The economic relevance of Web applications increases the importance of controlling and improving their quality. Moreover, the new available technologies for their development allow the insertion of sophisticated functions, but often leave the developers responsible for their organization and evolution. As a consequence, a high demand is emerging for methodologies and tools for quality assurance of Web based systems.

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Though time-to-market has become the primary criterion that drives most current software development projects, quality still remains the key concern of critical software development projects, for which the cost of a single bug may involve serious loss or damages. Meeting the higher quality level required for such kinds of systems may be achieved only by using sound and rigorous test practices. We present in this paper an integrated platform that uses a formalized version of UML statechart as the ...

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Keywords: crosscutting concerns, logic metaprogramming, modularisation, software

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Performance characteristics, such as response time, through put and scalability, are key quality attributes of distributed applications. Current practice, however, rarely applies systematic techniques to evaluate performance characteristics. We argue that evaluation of performance is particularly crucial in early development stages, when important architectural choices are made. At first glance, this contradicts the use of testing techniques, which are usually applied towards the end of a projec ...

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